

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

The purpose of the King County Developmental Disabilities Division's Business Leadership Advisory Committee is to reach out to business leaders to assist us in developing strategies, supports, and marketing approaches that are more business friendly. We expect that some members of the committee will, as they learn more about supported employment, act as marketers and mentors to other businesses.

Increase the business community's and the general public's awareness of how individuals with developmental disabilities can function in the workplace.
Increase employment for individuals with developmental disabilities, especially in sectors that have not employed individuals with developmental disabilities.
Expand corporate leadership and participation in the employment development process of individuals with disabilities.
Build partnerships between business, community organizations, and schools interested in promoting the employment of students or new graduates with developmental disabilities.
Develop a network of business champions of supported employment, which fosters other businesses to hire, retain, and improve employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities.